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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS UNABLE TO ACCEPT FIRE DONATIONS

Check With Other Centers Before Bringing Items To Be Sure They Are Needed

Residents are being asked to take their donations for fire victims to private charities and not to the San Diego County Local Assistance Centers (LAC), which do not have space or staff to sort and distribute items.

"Though we appreciate these donations, we're not equipped to accept them at our LAC's," said Chandra Wallar, director, San Diego County Firestorm Recovery Team. "We offer a wide variety of federal, state, and local services at the LAC and we encourage all firestorm victims to come in and see what we can do for them."

A number of local organizations, schools and churches are accepting donations, but residents should call first because some charities have been overwhelmed with donors' generosity. The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and others are seeking financial contributions to provide fire victims with necessities.

For more information on volunteering, please check the San Diego County Web site at www.sdcounty.ca.gov, and click on "Volunteer Opportunities."

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